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C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 1319
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TAGS: MARR, TSPA, NZ
SUBJECT: SEASAT-A SATELLITE OBSERVATION PROGRAM

REF: (A) STATE 058503, (B) STATE 058045

1. ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY JOHN SCOTT AND SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE JOHN ROBERTSON WERE BRIEFED ON MARCH 14 ON BOTH
CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED APPLICATIONS OF SEASAT DATA
PER REFTELS. BOTH INDICATED THAT APPROVAL OF THE
PROGRAM BY THE GNZ IS LIKELY AND UNDERTOOK TO GET AN
EARLY RESPONSE.

2. IN THE LIGHT OF PREVIOUS PUBLIC PROTESTS ABOUT US
SCIENTIFIC/DEFENSE PROGRAMS IN NEW ZEALAND, SECRETARY
ROBERTSON, HOWEVER, SUGGESTED THAT WE PROVIDE THE GNZ
WITH GUIDANCE TO RESPOND TO THE OBVIOUS QUESTION: "IF
THE PROGRAM IS UNCLASSIFIED AND SCIENTIFIC IN NATURE,
WHY ARE THE PERSONNEL TO BE STATIONED IN NEW ZEALAND
EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE?" THE DEPART-
MENT IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE. SELDEN

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